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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: November 2, 1956

SUBJECT: UK Request for U.S. Aid in Establishment of a Libyan Air Force

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Ronald W. Bailey, Counselor, British Embassy
Mr. Douglas Williams, Second Secretary, British Embassy
Mr. Joseph Palmer 2nd, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs

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As authorized by Mr. Murphy by memorandum of October 26, I spoke to Mr. Ronald Bailey on November 2 [redacted] I told Mr. Bailey that, as he knew, we had informed Mr. Coulson on September 4 that the U.S. Government is considering whether its present commitment to equip 1000 Libyan ground troops should be extended to include the training of some of this number as an airborne force. I added that our study of this matter had not yet reached a decision and that we would be in touch with the British Government when we have received the views of the Defense Department.

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